Important Times for the United Arab Emirates

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| **The Pearl Business**  During the **1800s and early 1900s**, the pearl business was strong. It gave jobs to many people. Pearls made the people a lot of money.  Why did it stop?   1. The **First World War** and **the depression** meant nobody could afford to buy pearls. 2. The Japanese found a way to make their own pearls. 3. Some countries put **taxes** on pearls. This made them too **expensive** to buy.   http://www.tuerler.ch/img/content/3.2.jpghttp://proudlyemirati.wikidot.com/local--files/dhows/ken-tusitiri---poster.jpg  **The Oil Business**  At the beginning of the [**1930s**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1930)**,** oil companies looked for oil.  The first oil was exported from Abu Dhabi in **1962.**  Lots of money was made from oil.  The ruler of Abu Dhabi, [Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheikh_Zayed_bin_Sultan_Al_Nahyan), began building schools, houses hospitals and roads.  Oil brought a better life for the people of the UAE. |
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**The Emirates Unite (get together)**

In **1971** Britain left the area. Nine emirates tried get together. Bahrain and Qatar decided to be on their own.

The other seven joined to make the United Arab Emirates. United means ‘together’.



**Death of Sheikhs Zayed and Maktoum**

On 2 November **2004** the UAE's first ruler, [**Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheikh_Zayed_bin_Sultan_Al_Nahyan), died. His eldest son, **Sheikh** [**Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Khalifa_bin_Zayed_Al_Nahyan), succeeded as ruler of [Abu Dhabi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abu_Dhabi). He also became President.

**Sheikh** [**Mohammad bin Zayed Al Nahyan**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mohammad_bin_Zayed_Al_Nahyan) became Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi.

In January **2006**, [**Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al Maktoum**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheikh_Maktoum_bin_Rashid_Al_Maktoum), the prime minister of the UAE and the ruler of Dubai, died. Crown Prince [**Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheikh_Mohammed_bin_Rashid_Al_Maktoum) took over.

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[Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zayed_bin_Sultan_Al_Nahyan).

**MUST DO:**

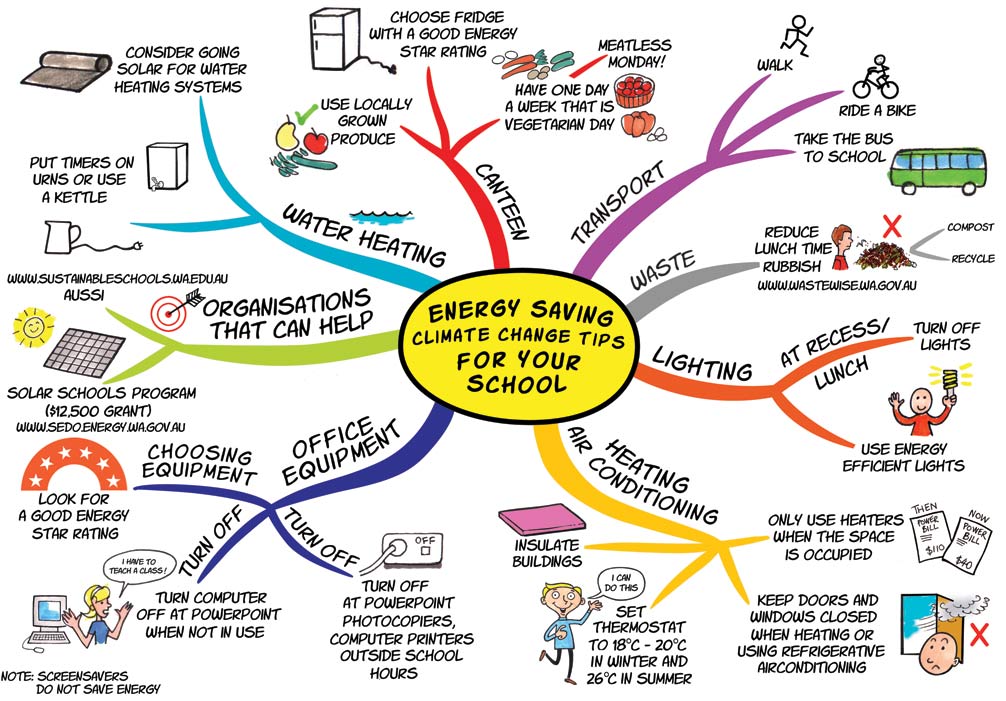
Draw a timeline to show the events above.

**SHOULD DO:**

Find out what other events have been important in UAE history. Add these to your timeline.

**COULD DO:**

Find out how to draw a mind map. Here is one about the envioronment to show you what they look like.



Draw a **mindmap** to show what you have learned so far about the United Arab Emirates and the people in it. Mind maps use **colour, key** words and **small pictures.** Some of the ‘branches’ on your mindmap could include:

* Emirates unite
* Pearls
* Oil
* Women
* Important symbols
* The arts
* Food
* Celebrations